



## Resources for Researching Sutter's Fort Characters and other Sacramento Pioneers

California History Room  
California State Library

### California Information File

Created at the California State Library, the California Information File is an index to many sources of California history, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, manuscript collections, and books, covering dates from the 1850's through present. The original card file was closed in 1985, and the index has been continued on a computer database.

- Search for the person's name, last name first.

### Searching the book catalog

Online at <http://www.lib.state.ca.us>

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### Key reference books

*Sutter's Fort Characters pathfinder*. Sacramento Public Library. Request at Reference Desk.

Online at [http://www.saclibrary.org/sac\\_room/sutters\\_fort.html](http://www.saclibrary.org/sac_room/sutters_fort.html)

*Pioneers of California: true stories of early settlers in the golden state*. Donovan Lewis. San Francisco: Scottswall Associates, 1993. F860 L43 1993 (Reference shelves)

*The men of the California Bear Flag Revolt and their heritage*. Barbara R. Warner. Spokane, Wash.: Published by the Arthur H. Clark Pub. Co. for the Sonoma Valley Historical Society, 1996. F864 W3 1996 (Reference shelves)

*Gone to rest : biographies of Sacramento pioneers buried in or nearby Pioneer Grove in the old Sacramento City Cemetery*. Carol W. Doersch, ed: Sacramento Pioneer Association, 2001. F868 .S12 G66 2001 (Reading room)

*History of California*. Hubert Howe Bancroft. San Francisco : History co., 1886. 7 volumes. F861 B22 (Reference shelves)

- Index compiled by members of the Zamorano Club. F861 B22 Index (Reference shelves)

*History of California*. Theodore Hittell. San Francisco : Pacific Press Pub. House and Occidental Pub. Co., 1885-97. 4 volumes. F861 H68 (Reference shelves)

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### **Photo collection**

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### **Research tips**

- For more information on a person, you can try looking up his or her overland party, e.g., the Bidwell–Bartleson party, the Donner party, the Stevens party.
- If you are researching a woman and can't find anything under her name, try looking up her husband or father.
- If you are researching a child, try looking up his or her parents.

### **Costume ideas**

*Sutter's Fort costume manual: a guide to clothing worn in California and the Far West, ca. 1845.* David Rickman. Sacramento: California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 1988. GT617.C3 R52 1988 (Reference shelves)

*Historic dress of the old West.* Ernest Reedstrom. New York : Blandford Press, 1986. GT617.W47 R44 1986 (Closed stacks)

*Early California costumes, 1769-1847, and historic flags of California.* Margaret Gilbert Mackey. Stanford: Stanford University press; 1932. 391 M15 (Closed stacks)